

To the FDA:

RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

I send this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer, there should be no restrictions to the delivery of a compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I may live or may travel. The MOU must be amended!

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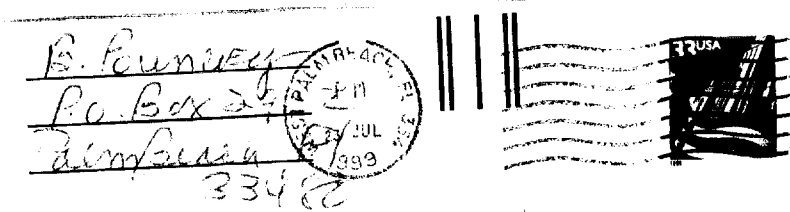
Comments: HAVING HAD A TX PRESCRIPTION FOR A PATENTED DRUG, MY DR. PRESCRIBED THE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION OF A COMPOUNDED DRUG WHICH WAS MY LIFE SAVER. AS I LOOKED AROUND FOR A COMPOUNDING PHARMACY, THERE WAS ONLY ONE IN THE SOUTH OF FLORIDA. AFTER A YEAR I BECAME AWARE OF OTHER PHARMACIES THAT CHARGED HALF THE PRICE AND I NOW GET MY MEDICATION FROM ANOTHER STATE. SINCE MY DRUG PLAN WON'T PAY, I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS DRUG AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE. TOO MUCH POWER FOR DRUG CO.

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